Adikulam Market.

23. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether in the year 1116, they have received representations regarding the collection of rates in the Adikulam (Koonammavoo) market in Parur taluk, on all days of the week; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes, from the member himself.

(*b*) As the market was conducted on Sundays also against the stipulation in the agreement executed by the contractor, orders were issued to the Tahsildar to see that the market was conducted only on Mondays and Thursdays as specified in the contract. These two days are reported not to be in keeping with the requirements of the public. The question of converting the market into a daily one from 1118 onwards is under the consideration of the Government.

Public Holidays for Civil Courts.

24. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government intend that on all notified public holidays except Sundays and Vishu day, civil courts should function regularly as if there is no holiday;

(*b*) whether the High Court has issued orders to subordinate courts that no distinction should be kept up between judicial work and other kinds of work to be done on days other than Sundays and Vishu day; and

(*c*) whether by that order it is meant that the civil courts should hold regular courts on all public holidays except Sundays and Vishu day?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) (*b*) & (*c*). These questions do not arise in view of the circular R. O. C. No 2275/42/Genl., dated the 12th June 1942 under which Notification R. O. C. No. 6875/41/Genl., dated the 14th December 1941 containing the list of general holidays recognised for the State has become operative.

Pensions.

25. *MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent on pensions in the year 1116 M. E.?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: The total amount of pensions paid in 1116 including Political and Military Pensions is Rs. 21,70,449.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഉത്തരത്തിൽനിന്നും തിരുവിതാംകൂർ ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ആകമാനമുള്ള ചെലവിൽ 2 0 ശതമാനം പെൻഷനുവേണ്ടി ചെലവാക്കുന്നതായി കാണുന്നു. ഈ ക്രമപ്രവൃദ്ധമായ ചെലവു് ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഭാരമായി തീരാതിരിപ്പാൻ വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തുന്നുണ്ടോ എന്നു പ്രസ്താവിക്കുവാൻ കഴിയുമോ?

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MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: It is a necessary item of expenditure. The security of service is dependent upon the grant of pension.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: ഇതിന്ന് എന്തെങ്കിലും പ്രതിവിധിയുണ്ടാക്കണമെന്ന് ഗവണ്മെൻറിന് എപ്പോഴെങ്കിലും തോന്നിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: In the Regulations, it has been laid down that officers will be entitled to pension. When they are recruited they come under the impression that they will receive pension for their service.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: അപ്പോൾ പെൻഷൻ ചെലവ് ഇനിയും വർദ്ധിച്ചുകൊണ്ടിരിക്കുമെന്നാണോ മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: In the pension list there will be some increase.

PRESIDENT: I think there has been a certain amount of misconception on this subject. Government have been anxious to deal with the subject of the mounting of pension charges. The alternatives are: a Provident Fund or an increased salary to such an extent that people can save enough so as not to depend upon pension and lastly the temporary measure to lessen the mounting of pension. (The honourable member who put the question should be attentive, should have the courtesy to attend to the Chair). If no pension is allowed to Government servants they are likely to resort to other illegal means. Therefore, it is that in every civilised Governments in the world officers have been allowed to have pension. This question of mounting charges of pension has been a very serious matter for discussion in every country in the world. Under the I. C. S. Commission Report the Civil Service Council which sat in England about seven or eight years ago came to the conclusion amongst other things that one way of lowering down pension charges is by retiring persons at the age of 60 instead of at 55. Thanks to the improvement in the public health of the people of England that age has been raised to 65 and there are certain services which allow persons to retire only at the age of 70. Honourable members will be aware that in Judicial Departments the Judges of the High Court, and the subordinate courts and the officers in the House of Lords are allowed to continue till they attain the age of 94. I met Lord Halisbury at the age of 89 running about in the Chamber Hall and immediately after that delivering a judgment *extempore*. We have not come to that stage. But Government have made some attempt to minimise the pension charges by increasing the age limit for service up to 57 in the case of certain specified Government services. From the date of that order I have received a number of protests saying that it affects various communities. So Government is not encouraged to pursue that policy. The result is that the pension charges will mount up and very soon it will be one fourth or one third portion of the total State revenue.

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MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: ഉത്തരത്തിൽ മിലിറ്ററി ആൻഡ് പൊളിറ്റിക്കൽ പെൻഷൻ ഉൾപ്പെടെ എന്ന പറഞ്ഞു കാണുന്നു. മിലിറ്ററി പെൻഷൻ എത്ര, പൊളിറ്റിക്കൽ പെൻഷൻ എത്ര എന്നു പറയാമോ ?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AYYAR: Military pension Rs. 1,20,000, Political pension, Rs. 2,70,000.

Land for assignment to backward communities.

26. *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the extent of land earmarked for assignment to the members of the backward communities from Survey No. 250/1 in Vayalar East Pakuthy and in Survey No. 275/1 in Aroor pakuthi respectively in Shertala taluk; and

(*b*) how many acres of such lands have been assigned from each survey number till this time?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) and (*b*) A statement furnishing the information is given below:—

Sy. No.	*Taluk.*	*Pakuthy.*	*Area set apart.*	*Area assigned.*
250/1	Shertala	Vayalar East	40 acres	2 acres and 75 cents
275/1	Do.	Aroor	Nil	Nil

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: വയലാർ കിഴക്കെപകുതിയിൽ ൪൦ ഏക്കറിൽ ചില്വാനം സ്ഥലം ഉണ്ടെന്നുകാണുന്നു. അതിൽ ൨ ഏക്കർ ൭൫ സെൻറ സ്ഥലം മാത്രമാണ് പതിച്ചുകൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളൂ. ബാക്കിയുള്ളസ്ഥലത്തിന് അപേക്ഷകന്മാർ ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണോ പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാത്തത് ?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: അപേക്ഷകന്മാർ ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടു തന്നെയായിരിക്കും.

C.L. MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ഈ സ്ഥലം എല്ലാം ആരെങ്കിലും കൈവശപ്പെടുത്തുകയൊ അവിടെ താമസിക്കുകയൊ ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ ?

MR. K. KUNJAN PILLAI: അതും കൈവശപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുകയില്ല. അഥവാ ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവരെ അവിടെ നിന്നും ഒഴുപ്പിച്ച് ആ സ്ഥലം മുഴുവനും അവശസമുദായക്കാക്ക് പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാൻ ശ്രമിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

Lands assigned to backward communities.

27. *MR T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: Will the Government be pleased to state how many acres of lands were assigned to the backward communities in the State in 1116, how many of them are from the area earmarked for the purpose and how many from outside?

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